

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	105	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	105 minus 20=	85
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	11 minus 3=	8
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

SMALL ENTITY TYPE	OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY
RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	385.00
OR	BASIC FEE
XS 9=	765.
OR	XS18=
X43=	344
OR	X86=
+145=	
OR	+290=
TOTAL	1494.00
OR	TOTAL

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	106	Minus	105 = 1
Independent	11	Minus	11 =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY
RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
XS,8=	25.00
OR	XS18=
X43=	
OR	X86=
+145=	
OR	+290=
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	25.00
OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	Minus	**	=
Independent	Minus	**	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
OR		OR	
X43=		X86=	
OR		OR	
+145=		+290=	
OR		OR	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	Minus	**	=
Independent	Minus	**	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
OR		OR	
X43=		X86=	
OR		OR	
+145=		+290=	
OR		OR	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.



REMARKS

As an initial matter, originally numbered claims 65-105 have been amended to correct their numbering to claims 66-106, respectively.

In the Office Action, a restriction was made requiring election of one of the following groups:

Group I	Claims 1 to 10 and 70 to 78;
Group II	Claims 11 to 20 and 79 to 87;
Group III	Claims 21 to 27;
Group IV	Claims 28 to 40;
Group V	Claims 41 to 50;
Group VI	Claims 51 to 60;
Group VII	Claims 61 to 70;
Group VIII	Claims 71 to 99;
Group IX	Claims 100 to 106.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention designated by the examiner as Group IX, i.e., correctly numbered claims 100-106. Thus, Applicants have withdrawn herein without prejudice claims 1-99 (as correctly numbered).

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

FEES

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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